

REMARKS

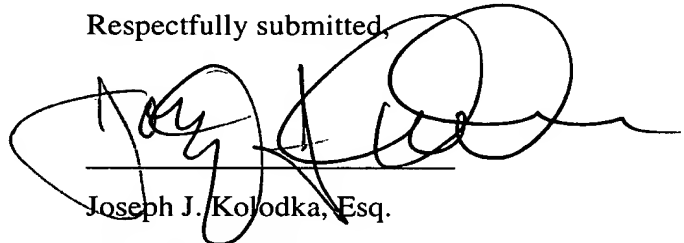
In reply to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment mailed November 20, 2003, the status identifier for claims 1 and 20 has been changed from "Amended" to "Currently Amended"

Claims 1 and 20 have been amended to incorporate the subject matters of claims 2 and 22, respectively, in reply to the indication that claims 2 and 22 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. Claims 2 and 22 have been cancelled. Claims 3 and 5 have been amended to properly depend from amended claim 1. All remaining claims are now allowed as they depend from an allowable claim.

Any extension fees due and owing should be charged to deposit account no. 07-0832

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Respectfully submitted,

A large, stylized handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Joseph J. Kolodka', is written over a horizontal line.

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